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Subject: RE: Heads up on PH SACA grant coordination within EPA
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Thanks, Keith! OHA will be involved to some degree – but from the few conversations that Sarah and I have had with the County & OHA, it seems that OHA is passing on their ‘health educator’ hat to the County regarding education & outreach related to the Portland Harbor fish advisories...at least for now.

Thank you,

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“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”
~William James

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Subject: RE: Heads up on PH SACA grant coordination within EPA

Thanks Gil. I thought the Oregon Health Authority would also be a part of this effort?

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Sean and Davis,

I just had a productive conversation with Laura, who is trying to figure out how best to implement and potentially fund future outreach work related to the Oregon Health Authority’s fish advisory in the lower

Willamette River. She mentioned that it might make the most sense if Multnomah County were able and willing to take this on (with commensurate funding, of course). I indicated that if EPA added such funding to our existing SACA grant, we could implement the work via an Intergovernmental Agreement with the county – or any other public agency.

Following our call, it occurred to me that it would make sense to create a new project in our SACA, named something like “Portland Harbor Areawide Support,” rather than adding new tasks to the existing Joint Source Control Strategy project. For that matter, a new SACA project could incorporate not only the fish-advisory outreach, but also the Watershed Strategy planning and data gathering we have discussed recently, which is important to nail down before we implement any field work.

As I understand it, our Preliminary Assessment grant will fund DEQ’s actual implementation of the Watershed Strategy, since this work will occur in areas upstream and outside of Portland Harbor.

Does this make any sense? I know we’d all like to get this wrapped up as soon as possible, and I’m hoping the approach I’m sketching out will help move the process forward.

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Subject: RE: Heads up on PH SACA grant coordination within EPA

Hello Gil,

I will need to do some research this with the Grants Specialist and seek my regs on contractors costs and requirements.

My hope is to have a response by weeks end.

Thanks

Ricardo Solis, Grants Coordinator

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Sheila and Ricardo, attached is Alex Liverman’s message to a few other R10 Portland Harbor staff about use of contracting as part of our Joint Source Control Strategy project in SACA. (The message also includes our draft JSCS work plan and budget for the 17-18 grant year.)

I hope you concur with Sean’s perspective about contracting; in addition, this might be a good

opportunity to provide feedback on the draft work plan and estimated costs (though I'm aware that Eva may be the best judge of this – and as long as you agree with the contracting piece, we can certainly wait until she returns to the office and has a chance to review and comment on the work plan).

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Fyi...

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Thanks for the heads up Alex. Since Eva and Davis are out, I'll say that contracted funds are allowed (or at least used to be) under a SACA. I administered several of these for the State of Idaho DEQ who regularly used contract dollars and other pass thru's. Also, we gave ODEQ funds that were contracted two 5YR's ago on Mac and Bax (although I have to say epa diving scientists do a better job!) I believe also via a SACA. The question would be whether the dollars fall into the scope of the SACA itself, which is a separate issue entirely, ie. making it very clear that the SACA is supporting the CERCLA action at the site in each element of work.

I hope this helps.

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Hi Eva.

I got your voicemail that you are out of the office for a couple weeks (as is Davis), so I'm copying Debbie and Sean, in the event that the EPA grants staff & management need to connect with the PH Team. I'm also cc-ing Mary Lou, who has been coordinating with Sarah on the joint EPA/DEQ Watershed Strategy.

As you know, you and I typically renegotiate the SACA grant for PH Source Control support in April. I started working on it a little early this year with the DEQ team for a variety of reasons. Importantly we found we need to add hours for the new task of developing/implementing the Watershed Strategy. We also found out that the grant will be extended for the next fiscal year, rather than starting a new cycle period. In addition, there was confusion about the new administration's communications regarding suspension of all EPA grants and contracts.

While putting together our estimates for Watershed Strategy tasks, we realized that some of the tasks may be contracted out, to better serve both DEQ and EPA interests. So our grants coordinator, Gil Wistar, contacts Ricardo Solis and also spoke to his manager, Sheila Fleming, about whether contractors are allowable under SACA funds. They think maybe so, but wanted more context and an understanding of what the tasks are anticipated to be and estimates of hours. So we passed along our first draft of the updated PH SACA SOW to them, which includes this info.

I wanted to make sure you were in the loop, since you and I hadn't yet connected on this. I attached the draft here for you, so everyone can be in the loop on what we are proposing. I highlighted text sections in yellow that I changed from the last version, so you could be aware of them. Things in green are still under development or need to be confirmed/changed before finalizing. Of course, your input is welcome so we can finalize it together. I just wanted to make sure the contracting piece was permissible and the hours and dollars made sense, before you and I complete the negotiation. I'd also appreciate any input Mary Lou might have on the Watershed tasks and hours estimates.

I imagine the EPA grants staff and management will want assurance from the EPA PH Team that the Watershed piece is a reality since the ROD concurrence discussions between DEQ and EPA. So now you are all in the loop!

Thanks.

--Alex

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